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11. On November 26, Post received a response to reftel demarche from the Environment Ministry Climate Change Director and Chief Negotiator Pavel Zamyslicky. The Ministry's independent climate change unit was created in 2003/2004. When Zamyslicky assumed his position in 2005, the unit consisted of seven to eight internal and external experts. Since 2006, the Ministry gradually increased the size of its climate change team to the current 25 members in preparation for the Czech EU Presidency. The Deputy Prime Minister and Environment Minister Martin Bursik, who is the Green Party Chair, has made climate change a Ministerial priority.
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